

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Amended.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

2. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the step of allowing said First Party to designate a related internal party to receive said Authorization Code from said Third Party.

3. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said access to at least a portion of said Third Party Information can be later withdrawn.

4. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the step of facilitating reporting by said Second Party to said Third Party as to who has access the said Third Party Information and their access status.

5. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery.

6. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery, and includes "delivery name and address" and "reference number".

7. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said Third Party Information relates to medical records.

8. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said Third Party Information relates to credit information.

9. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said Third Party is a person and wherein said Third Party Information relates to information personal to said Third Party.

10. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different sub-entities within an overall commonly-controlled entity.

11. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different entities within an overall commonly-controlled company.

12. (Previously Amended.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party, said transfer done via hand delivery to a physical address associated with said Third Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

13. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, further comprising the step of allowing said First Party to designate a related internal party to receive said Authorization Code from said Third Party.

14. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery.

15. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery, and includes "delivery name and address" and "reference number".

16. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said Third Party Information relates to medical records.

17. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said Third Party Information relates to credit information.

18. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said Third Party is a person and wherein said Third Party Information relates to information personal to said Third Party.

19. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different sub-entities within an overall commonly-controlled entity.

20. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different entities within an overall commonly-controlled company.

21. (Previously Amended.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating the identification by said Second Party of the physical address associated with said Third Party;

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party said forwarding being done via hand delivery to said physical address associated with said Third Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

22. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said forwarding being done via hand delivery to said physical address associated with said Third Party is provided by First Class Mail.

23. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, further comprising the step of allowing said First Party to designate a related internal party to receive said Authorization Code from said Third Party.

24. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery.

25. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said Third Party Information relates to parcel delivery, and includes "delivery name and address" and "reference number".

26. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said Third Party Information relates to medical records.

27. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said Third Party Information relates to credit information.

28. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said Third Party is a person and wherein said Third Party Information relates to information personal to said Third Party.

29. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different sub-entities within an overall commonly-controlled entity.

30. (Original.) The method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said First Party and said Third Party are different entities within an overall commonly-controlled company.

31. (Previously Amended.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said Request from said First Party accompanied by said First Party Information;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party as well as said First Party Information, said forwarding being done via hand delivery to a physical address associated with said Third Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

32. (Currently Amended.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating the identification by said Second Party of [[the]] a physical address associated with said Third Party;

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said Request from said First Party accompanied by said First Party Information;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party as well as said First Party Information, said forwarding being done via hand delivery to said physical address associated with said Third Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

33. (Previously Presented.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, a Third Party, and a Third Party Designee, said First Party holding First Party Information, said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party and said Third Party Designee independent of said Second Party and having the authority to act on behalf of said Third Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party Designee, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code authorized by said Second Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party Designee by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party Designee to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

34. (Previously Presented.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, and a Third Party, said First Party holding First Party Information, and said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code generated by said Second Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.

35. (Previously Presented.) A method of authorizing the transfer of various types of information within a group of parties, said parties including a First Party, a Second Party, a Third Party, and a Third Party Designee, said First Party holding First Party Information, said Third Party having an interest in Third Party Information held by said Second Party and said Third Party Designee independent of said Second Party and having the authority to act on behalf of said Third Party, said method including the following steps:

facilitating a Request from said First Party to said Second Party, said Request being to allow said First Party to access said Third Party Information held by said Second Party;

facilitating the forwarding of said First Party's Request from said Second Party to said Third Party Designee, said Request accompanied by an Authorization Code generated by said Second Party;

facilitating authorization of said First Party's Request by said Third Party Designee by the transfer of said Authorization Code from said Third Party Designee to said First Party; and

facilitation of the presentation of said Authorization Code from said First Party to said Second Party, such that said First Party is authorized to obtain said Third Party Information from said Second Party.